

Military Training Is Expected in Camp of Grifftmen By Friday or Saturday

GRIFF'S ROOKIES READY FOR DRILL

Augusta Training Camp Men
Look Forward to Military
Instruction.

PLAYERS WORKING HARDER

Two Sessions Put in as Day's
Work—Bert Gallia Arrives
at Augusta.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHTER.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 6.—Military instructions, according to the plans adopted by the American League and accepted by the War Department of the United States, will be in the camp of the Grifftmen either Friday or Saturday. This information is vouchsafed by the commander of the local recruiting office, who is taking considerable interest in the scheme suggested in the first place by Captain Huston, one of the owners of the New York Yankees.

Sergeant Dean, attached to the recruiting station in Atlanta, is to be drill master of the Grifftmen, and if what the battery candidates say is any criterion, he will not have unwilling students in his classes.

Players to Parade.

It is a good mile from the Hotel Albion, headquarters for the big leaguers here, to the ball park, and it is doubtful if Captain Huston's suggestion for a daily parade from hotel to park will be carried out in its entirety. However, it is possible that the athletes will be paraded part of the distance to attract attention to the scheme and give Augusta a lesson in preparedness. George McBride has begun his training in earnest. He took part in the practice yesterday afternoon, doing all that everybody else did. As was to be expected, George's throwing arm is in perfect condition, and he had no trouble getting the ball across the diamond.

Hot Springs Work Tells.

After warming up with the pitchers, he assisted in the bunting drill, which is calculated to get up a healthy grow. He got his toe, it may be said with all truth. His preliminary work at Hot Springs, Ark., however, has put his back and legs in good shape to withstand the strain of playing some real baseball and he led the field around the ball yard. This run ended the afternoon session.

Two good sessions were put in by the boys working under the eyes of John Henry and Mike Martin. It was decidedly windy in the morning, and the boys hugged the shelter of the right field wall. But in the afternoon most of the wind died down and the sun became even hotter. By tomorrow some real summer weather should be the tale of the day.

Seem Ready to Pitch.

It is impossible to get much of a line on the pitchers at this early date, though Harper, Ayers, Thomas, and Dumont seem ready to take their turn on the mound against the batsmen. It is probable that some real ball may be had before the rest of the squads arrive. Under the high wind and warm sun the ball field has dried out nicely. The diamond is composed of sand, which soaks up any water falling upon it. Some few puddles in the grassy outfield disappeared by this morning and a game of ball could be played there now.

Henry Dubbed "Dave Fultz."

John Henry has been dubbed "Dave Fultz" already by George McBride. These two old roomies of several years had an affectionate meeting yesterday morning. George did not practice in the morning, but could not stay away from the park and watched the others hustling around. "Come near getting John's goat, didn't they?" asked George. "When I read that stuff in the papers I wrote to him and said 'Steady in the boat, John.' I was delighted at the way the whole thing ended. It would have been a shame to have driven John from baseball just for doing what he thought was right."

Be Prepared, Griff!

Manager Griff may have to warm over his winter speeches for presentation when he gets here. A rumor is running through the camp to the effect that the next board of trade and the Rotary Club are planning to banquet the Old Fox and his athletes, hoping that the Grifftmen will be yearly visitors to the city. If the Augusta men ever hear one of Griff's famous speeches, they will demand that he remain in town and run for mayor.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 6.—Bert Gallia, second guy to Walter Johnson among Griffith's right-handers, arrived here this morning from Washington. He did not take part in the morning practice, being more intent on collecting a suitable breakfast, but he will be with others in the afternoon session.

Gallia said that he had been training for three weeks at his home, in Woodboro, Tex., and would not require much more work here to be ready for the season.

PITT WINS FOILS TITLE

Defeats Allison for National Three-Weapon Championship.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Stedford Pitt of the New York A. C., was the winner of the three-weapon fencing competition at the New York Athletic Club last night, his victory with foil, sabre and sword, and sabre giving him the national title for three weapons.

Pitt won after a tie with P. W. Allison, of the New York A. C., the other contestants were Champion R. MacPherson and J. B. Parker, of the Fencers' Club, of Philadelphia.

World's Greatest Troupe Of Billiardists Is Here

Hoppe, Peterson, Schaefer and Wright to Give
Exhibition at Sherman's Tomorrow
and Thursday.

Willie Hoppe, "wizard of the billiard table," will appear to Washington fans in a new role at Frank Sherman's establishment tomorrow afternoon and night and on Thursday. He will play three-cushion billiards, that most difficult of all table pastimes, which he has taken up seriously only of late, and at which he already has established himself as without a peer in the world.

Under the management of R. B. Benjamin, the greatest quartet of billiard players ever gathered will perform in the exhibition at Sherman's. The players are Hoppe, Charles Peterson, champion fancy shot artist; Jake Schaefer, son of the famous oldtimer, and one of the most skilled in the game today, and Chick Wright, lecturer and champion of the Pacific Coast.

Tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Hoppe will play Schaefer in a 250-point match at 18-2 ballline and will follow this with a 20-point contest at three-cushion billiards with Wright.

Wright will open the entertainment with a lecture, Hoppe demonstrating the various shots, and Peterson will close the exhibition with fancy shooting. The same program will be carried out in the night performance with the exception that Hoppe will play Wright at the ballline game and Schaefer at three-cushions.

All Noted Players.

Every member of the quartet is an attraction, but Hoppe's three-cushion playing and Peterson's fancy shots

probably will receive the most attention. Since he began to play at the three-cushion style, Hoppe has smashed records right and left. In a match at Omaha, Neb., on the present national tour of the company, he achieved an unfinished run of fifteen and followed it with a run of ten in the opening frame of any other match. This made twenty-five consecutive shots without a miss. He ran twenty points in sixteen frames in a match yesterday in Baltimore with a high run of seven.

Peterson a Marvel.

Charles Peterson is noted as the man with the slogan—"Show me a shot I cannot make." In his repertoire there are 475 shots. He makes about sixty in each exhibition. A remarkable feature of Peterson's playing is that he works three times faster than any other player. He makes his shots with easy precision and carries on a humorous monologue while executing them.

It is claimed that an ordinary player can improve his game 15 per cent by listening to Chick Wright's lectures. His points are brought out thoroughly by Hoppe, who demonstrates all shots referred to in the lecture.

Schaefer Great Player.

Jake Schaefer is a drawing card, not only because his father was one of the most famous players of all time, but because he possesses unusual ability himself. He is now considered the peer of Koji Yamada, the Jap, who appears with Hoppe in his last visit to this city.

HENRY LOOKS LIKE GRIFF'S ASSISTANT

Peculiar Position Held by
Catcher in Frat Stamps
Him as Leader.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 6.—John Henry's recent position as a leader of the Baseball Players' Fraternity gives him a peculiar leadership among the players this season, and he, rather than George McBride, may become a sort of assistant manager to the Old Fox.

A Washington representative of the fraternity, Henry had the respect of his teammates during the days of the fraternity. In addition he was vice president and a director in the fraternity's highest councils. All this has brought about respect for him on the part of the players.

Henry Most Serious.

That Henry appreciates the gravity of the situation is shown by his seriousness. He assumes nothing, but it is easily seen that orders from Henry are always obeyed by the players, even the most frivolous. In a sense, he is still a fraternity mogul.

With Henry driving them, the players are sure to get in a lot of work here this spring. The big backstop is a hard worker himself and he wants the Washington players to make a great showing, which means that they will be unable to waste any time, once they begin their grind.

Declines to Talk.

Of the passing of the fraternity Henry will not speak. He merely smiles at questions concerning his relations with President Fultz, Dan Johnson and the Washington club. He figures that all a matter of history, that all he has to do is to play ball as best he can and all will take care of itself.

"I'm a ball player, that's all," he does admit, after some sparring and feinting. "Whatever has happened, has happened and is done. All I'm now doing is trying to get into condition to play well enough to hold my job. That'll keep me fairly busy, too, I think."

Henry is in fine condition, thanks to a winter of hard work at Amherst, Mass., where he has a box-making business. He should be ready for the opening bell.

BUYING CARDINALS

James C. Jones Obtains Option on
St. Louis Club.

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—An option on the St. Louis Nationals baseball club was obtained by James C. Jones, attorney, yesterday afternoon, when he gave Mrs. Helen E. Britton, owner, a check for \$25,000 as earnest money. Sixty days was given in which to make a payment of \$150,000 on the purchase price of \$350,000.

Mr. Jones said, however, that he would make the second payment unless \$250,000 is available at the end of the sixty-day period.

Mr. Jones said John K. Tener, president of the National League, would confer with the promoters of the new company in St. Louis this week, probably Wednesday.

"While I have no right to speak for the incoming directors," said Mr. Jones, "I think there will be no change in the team management. Walter Huggins will continue in charge. Herman Seckamp will continue to manage the business affairs of the club at the park."

"I think there is no doubt that the president of the club will be a baseball efficiency expert. I have no individual in mind. I am simply stating the character of man who will be employed."

It is understood that Branch Rickey, now business manager of the St. Louis Americans and formerly manager of that team, has been talked of as head of the new Nationals.

C. U. WILL OPPOSE NAVY TRACK STARS

Will Run Dual Meet With Midshipmen at Annapolis
Tomorrow.

Catholic University will take ten or eleven men down to Annapolis tomorrow afternoon to engage the Naval Academy runners in a dual indoor meet.

The C. U. runners have been selected by Coach Mulligan and will get a good workout in preparation for their entrance in the Meadowbrook games to be held in Philadelphia on Saturday night. Holy Cross has asked to run the C. U. men in the big games.

Events Not Selected.

Not all of the events for tomorrow's meet have been selected. It is certain that there will be a fifty-yard dash, two twenty, quarter, half, and mile.

There will probably be a shotput event, high jump, and relay. Other events to make up the card of ten will be selected when the teams get on the floor.

May Lose Keane.

Frank Keane, who received a nasty fall last Friday night, when the C. U. team was running against Washington and Lee, may be unable to run. Keane received a nasty gash over the eye, which necessitated four stitches. Since the runner was badly shaken up.

F. Mulcahy and Allehoff are slated to run in the fifty, Rooney and Nicholson in the quarter, Driscoll and Glascock in the half with R. Mulcahy. In the mile Regan and Kendrick will run. Ryan is entered in the high jump.

Relay Is Selected.

Driscoll, Nicholson, Rooney, and F. Mulcahy are to be entered as the C. U. relay team and will probably run in the Meadowbrook games. The team has been working out since the George Washington meet and can be expected to show the midshipmen something in tomorrow's engagement.

Outdoor work will be started as soon as the weather moderates. The C. U. track team will have several engagements this spring which will include the Penn relays, the South Atlantic Intercollegiate, and the Maryland State games.

GETS FOURTEEN HITS

Two Homers and Triple in Benny
Kauff's String.

MARLIN, Tex., March 6.—Benny Kauff broke loose yesterday with his trusty bat. He made fourteen hits in succession, two of them being home runs and one a triple. In the midst of the carnage McGraw shouted: "Stop it, Benny, and save a few of those up till they are really needed."

But Benny went right ahead with his fiery clouting, and as a result left the field several minutes before his teammates, too exhausted from excess base running to stand the strain longer.

Eleven of Benny's hits were gathered in the morning batting practice, but there was no question about any of them, as the infield and outfield were thronged with players, none of whom could get a hand on the drives. The two home runs and the triple came in a five-inning game between the McGraws and the Schaefer which followed the batting drill.

PENN GRAPPLERS WIN.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6.—Penn's wrestling team planned the Columbia grapplers' shoulders to the mat last night in Weightman Hall, the final score of 26 to 4 showing how badly the Red and Blue wrestlers routed their opponents.

GREEN WOULD PLAY UP SCHOOL SPORTS

Thinks Colleges Should Foster
Youngsters in Track Meets
More Often.

"Instead of treating schoolboy events in indoor track meets as a necessary evil, why not play up to the youngsters and give them a chance to shine?" says George F. Green, athletic director of Toms School, who came down with his team for the recent G. W. U. meet.

The Toms man is as well advised on scholastic athletics in the District as anyone, as he was identified with the Albion School for seven years and competed with successful teams in football, baseball, track, and basketball.

Sees Real Remedy.

"Washington track followers declare there is no support for indoor track meets here," said Green. "And I believe the real reason for a lack of patronage is due to the fact that there is too little competition."

"Any other city in the country will have dual meets between scholastic track teams. There are few and far between here. If the colleges would open up their grounds in the fall and spring for games between schools and would foster the youngsters, who become college men in time, there would be better competition and considerably better backing from the spectators' viewpoint."

Have Fostered Sport.

"Mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers of young athletes will come to see them run where they will not go to look at older boys. The largest followings in this city are former scholastic stars, such as Brewer, of Maryland State; Gates, Griffith, Weller, and Maher, of Georgetown; Round, and Shands, of Virginia; Perkins, of Hopkins, and Rooney, of Catholic University, who are the largest scholastic teams before they got into college."

"There were not more than thirty scholastic athletes in the meets in Washington this winter in competition outside of relay races. I can remember when more than one hundred fifty took part in three or four events in the meets, and for special prizes offered teams for the high scores in points."

But Two Meets Here.

"There are but two outdoor meets for the youngsters this year," continued the Toms coach, "one at Maryland State and one at Toms. Few boys will participate in either in view of the fact that little or no development in campaigning them has been offered by the colleges, which should be the logical ones to take up the sport for the boys."

Will Call Amateurs.

President Robert H. Young Wants Meeting Middle of Month.

President Robert H. Young, of the District Amateur Baseball Association, will call the amateur league presidents and managers together about the middle of the month to discuss the matter.

"We are not quite ready to do business yet, although the association business has been talked over," said the president today.

"We expect to call a meeting about the middle of the month to talk over plans for the coming season and get things in line to start up for the summer campaign."

"I expect baseball to bloom here this summer, as there is every reason why the players should come back strong this year."

The newly formed semiprofessional league is expected to cut some figure in the association work here, but younger players are looked for in the various leagues this season.

KIDS WILL MEET

Harry Late Opens Session for Young Baseball Players.

Harry E. Late, who started the Capital City Baseball League for sixteen-year-old baseball players last season, is starting up another new circuit.

A meeting has been set for tomorrow night at which time all the youngsters who want to join the circuit will be able to get together.

The meeting has been set for 8 o'clock at 1411 Navy street avenue northwest. The youngsters are ripe to start the kids off, and wants to tell the youngsters his plans for the coming season.

No teams averaging more than sixteen years of age can gain entrance into the proposed circuit. It is planned to have the league made up of strictly junior teams.

SEXTON LOSES SUIT

Former Harvard Baseball Coach Not to Get Back Pay.

BOSTON, March 6.—The suit of Dr. Frank J. Sexton, coach of the Harvard baseball nine two years, to recover from the university money he claimed to be due him as salary, was taken from the jury and a verdict awarded the defendant in the superior court yesterday.

In his testimony the former coach said he had resigned because he considered the provisions of his contract broken when the graduate athletic committee sent several other coaches onto the field after criticizing his methods.

PHILLIES DEPART TODAY.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6.—Pat Moran's gay steps trot to the South today. They leave in bunches, with all required to mobilize in St. Pete, of bone dry Florida, next Saturday.

BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

Washington will entertain a world's champion tomorrow in the person of Willie Hoppe. Every since the youngster began to play billiards at the age of eight at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson he has been known as Willie. For twelve years Hoppe has been the undisputed champion of the world and is one of the few titleholders who has always been willing to take up the burden of defending his honors. Hoppe meets all comers, there are no strings attached to his title and no wrangles on splits of purses or places to play. He is the best in the profession and one of the best examples of a real champion known to the world.

A break in the weather, somewhat warmer days and a climbing thermometer are all that is necessary to give baseball a start here. The kids have done some corner lot work, but the real baseball signs are lacking. As soon as Robert Young calls the amateur league together we will be sure the season is upon us.

Billy Evans, of Cleveland, regarded by many as the best of the American League umpires, may be lost to the American League at the close of the coming season. Evans is now acting as physical director at a big lighting plant in Cleveland, and has met with such success in training the officials of the corporation that they have made him a proposition to give up his position as umpire and devote all his time to physical training. Evans now has the offer under consideration, and may accept at the close of the 1917 season. The passing of Evans would be a distinct blow to the game.

Robert Simpson was timed by five watches in 5 1/2-sec. for fifty yards over the low hurdles Saturday, in a meet at Kansas City. This is a new record. Simpson, with several others, had made

the distance in six seconds flat. He knocked down the first hurdle, and this may prevent the record from being accepted officially.

It begins to look as though Yale would win out in the basketball race for the college this winter. Yale played at Annapolis earlier in the season and showed great strength. The Eli players have gained the approbation by the speedy play. Princeton is not to be denied, however, and may come through for a tie with the Eli team.

News of the first tangible results of the preparedness movement among automobile racing drivers comes from Los Angeles, where Eddie Pullen has organized a "hundred-mile-an-hour war pilot squad," composed of some of the best-known speed kings of the dirt and board tracks. Others of the country's dare-devil drivers have written that they will throw in their lot with Eddie's volunteer organization in the case of war.

Capt. Jesse McComas, of the California artillery, who recently returned from the Mexican border, is assisting the racing drivers in perfecting their organization, and as soon as the dispatch corps is complete he will notify the Department of the War, United States army, that they are ready for service. The army officers have been notified of the plan, and are enthusiastic over its possibilities.

The general move among the speed kings to learn the work that would make them valuable to their country in the event of war is a healthy indication of the spirit of the real sportsmen are made. Rickenbacker is making a tour of the automobile factories in the Middle West at this time organizing a group of drivers to learn aviation, and expects to enlist in the work several volunteers who are thoroughly versed with high-speed motors.

SCHOOLS WILL GET BASEBALL ACTION

Closing of Track Season Is Signal
for Diamond Practice
to Start.

With the indoor track meets a thing of the past, high school coaches will get their baseball players into line in short order now.

Managers have been busy making their schedules out and can be expected to announce them at almost any time now. It has been definitely settled that the series will start April 20, and while the selection of grounds for the title games has not been made known as yet, it is safe to say the teams will be well taken care of.

Candidates Out.

One or two schools have already done some work in baseball. Coach Tug Fury called Tech's players out for a short workout the other day. Battery candidates are expected to make a start today.

Business is expected to look over all the baseball material today. "Gooli" Gerard, shortstop for the two teams, and rated as one of the best hitters in the series, will again play that position for Business.

Central Active.

Central has been active for some time indoors. The Central lads have had some battery work under Coach Metzler, and can expect to do good things when they get out of doors. The Westerners have had light work for several battery candidates, but the team will be held up until the latter part of the week awaiting warmer weather.

Business is puzzling as to how it will replace Flaherty and Tomlin, the star battery of last season. Coach McCaffrey has several likely looking candidates in mind. Little has been done by the Easterners as yet in baseball matters.

Will Hold Meets.

Western is planning a series of closed meets for the track athletes this spring. The Westerners have a bunch of youngsters who are in need of work, and the Saturday meets planned for them are expected to develop a number of first class sprinters.

The Red and White runners may ask one or two schools for dual or triangular meets. Central is planning a series of similar engagements for its athletes. A team will be sent to the Penn relays this year.

CALDWELL IN FORM

Shows Yanks a Thing or Two in Mound Practice.

MACON, Ga., March 6.—Evidence that "Slim" Ray Caldwell spent the last two months or so pitching ball in the sunny land of either Panama or Cuba, was convincingly furnished by the great pitcher himself at the morning and afternoon practice of the Yankees yesterday. Despite the fact that the weather was cold—a biting wind was sweeping across the diamond—Caldwell frequently pitched the ball and had nearly twice as much speed as any of the other pitchers.

Caldwell's neck and face are covered with a heavy coat of tan, his eyes are clear and his arm as strong as ever. He is unwilling to admit that he has been playing ball on foreign soil since the first of the year. The eccentric pitcher merely smiles or passes a joking remark whenever his fellow players or some baseball writer question him as to his mysterious disappearance since he quit the team in St. Louis last year.

CUE FAVORITE LOSSES

BOSTON, March 6.—Ledyard Blake, of San Diego, Cal., the youngster who has been regarded as one of the favorites of the national amateur billiard tournament at 18-2 ballline, was defeated yesterday by E. L. Milburn, of Memphis. It was his first loss of the tournament. The match went thirty-three innings before Milburn threw his 600 points. Blake counted 322.

BECKETT WILL TRY TO START LEAGUE

Colleges Asked to Attend Basketball Meeting Tomorrow
Night at "Y."

Representatives from five colleges in and around Washington have been asked to meet Prof. C. E. Beckett, of the Y. M. C. A., tomorrow night at the Y. M. C. A. at 8 p. m., for the purpose of forming an intercollegiate basketball league next winter.

An effort will be made to line up Georgetown, George Washington, Gallaudet, and Catholic University and Maryland State, which will be represented in basketball next year.

Difficulties Ahead.

Owing to the fact that Georgetown and Catholic University have no athletic relations, it is expected that difficulty will be encountered in getting these teams into the league. No effort has been made to sound out the two colleges, according to Prof. Beckett, and it may be possible to get all five teams to play, despite the fact that Georgetown and C. U. do not meet.

Two Are Willing.

Gallaudet and George Washington are thought to be willing to meet the others. Both teams now schedule two games with C. U. and G. U., and it is expected that engagements will be booked with Maryland State.

State is anxious to establish basketball relations with local schools until the sport gets on a fixed basis and over the initial season.

No Title New in S. A.

There is no South Atlantic titleholder at present, but a District championship league would go far toward establishing the local championship team. Various claims for South Atlantic supremacy must be waived aside in view of the fact that few of the teams play thoroughly representative five.

Washington and Lee, of Lexington, Va., recently put in a claim for South Atlantic title honors, without engaging Georgetown, Virginia, Catholic University, Gallaudet, or George Washington. The lone game scheduled with the Navy, one of the South Atlantic teams, at least, if not a representative one, was canceled.

Idea Is Being Boomed.

The idea of forming the District of Columbia collegiate league is being boomed by those interested in the sport. During the past year a healthy interest was maintained up to the end of the season.

Meetings between all of the Washington colleges and those of the other South Atlantic teams would be beneficial for all sports in this section.

GOLF DATES OUT

The following list of championship and invitation tournaments to be held under the auspices of the Metropolitan Golf Association have been announced:

Fox Hill Golf Club, invitation, May 17, 18, and 19; Garden City, invitation, May 31 and June 1 and 2; Westchester county championship, Scarsdale Golf and Country Club, June 7, 8, and 9; amateur championship, Brooklawn Country Club, June 13, 14, 15, and 16; Sleepy Hollow, invitation, June 21, 22, and 23; junior championship, Swanow Country Club, June 26 and 27; Apawamut Club, invitation, June 28, 29, and 30; open championship, North Shore Country Club, July 12 and 13; New York Golf Club (Herald Cup), August 20, 30, and 31; Tuxedo Golf Club, invitation, September 20, 21, and 22.

PLANK LEAVES.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., March 6.—Eddie Plank left yesterday to join the St. Louis Americans for the spring training trip. He signs his contract several days ago.

LAWRENCE APPEARS EASY FOR ROYALS

Massachusetts Duckpin Team
Fails to Make Impression in
Practice Games.

Every indication was that the Royal duckpin team would score a decisive victory when the Lawrence, Mass., quint was taken on at the Royal